

Attachment C

Long Term Care Continuum Legislative Highlights:

- 2.3 million increase (1.7 million general fund) for a mileage differential to Qualified Service Providers (QSP) for round trips in excess of 20 miles. This will encourage QSPs to serve individuals living in rural areas of North Dakota. Implementation date is 1/1/2014.
- Added home delivered meals 7 days a week to SPED and ExSPED for clients under 60 years old. Implementation date is 1/1/2014.
- Added extended personal care services for the SPED program to allow specifically trained QSPs to administer medications and do other medical tasks. Implementation date is 1/1/2014.
- Added personal care with supervision to the HCBS waiver to allow individuals with a primary diagnosis of dementia or traumatic brain injury (TBI) to receive 24-hour supervision within a daily rate. Implementation date is 7/1/2014.
- HB 1180 states, "The department shall establish a pilot program for the provision of independent case management services under the service payments for elderly and disabled program within a county located entirely within an Indian reservation for the biennium beginning July 1 2013 and ending June 30, 2015." This will allow Sioux County to have an agency or Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) provide case management to SPED clients. Previously, only the county case managers could provide case management for the SPED program. The Department would be happy to provide updates on the pilot project as part of the committee's study of HCBS.

- \$250,000 was appropriated for a Long Term Care Study. The Department issued an RFP. Proposals are currently being evaluated. The Department would like to provide updates to the committee as part of its study of HCBS.
- Funding was provided for guardianship (HB 1041) and for petitioning costs and adult protective services (HB 1012). In addition, SB 2323 enacted mandatory reporting for vulnerable adults. The Department's Aging Service Division is working with various stakeholders on these efforts and the committee may want to receive updates from DHS and the other stakeholders on the use of the funding, the number of people served, and the number of reports received.

Other Efforts:

- A Medicaid State Plan Amendment was approved in 2012 allowing Community Health Representatives (CHRs) to provide case management for individuals receiving Medicaid State Plan under the supervision of a case manager, nurse, therapist, MD etc. Training was held at Sitting Bull College on June 19 and 20, 2013, by the HCBS administrative staff for the CHRs. Additional training will continue for other tribal CHR programs in September 2013.